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SPEECH FOR LUNCHTIME MEETING OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 18, BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM SCHAUFEELE, JR. CONTAINS
FOLLOWING PASSAGE :

"....WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT NIGERIA HAS RECOVERED
FROM AN ATTEMPTED COUP IN A RAPID AND ORDERLY FASHION
WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE VIABILITY OF NIGERIAN INSTITUTIONS.
THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH THIS IMPORTANT COUNTRY AND
DOES NOT INTEND TO ALLOW THE ATTEMPTED COUP TO AFFECT OUR
POLICIES OR ATTITUDES TOWARD NIGERIA.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC
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AFFAIRS, MR. ROBINSON, INTENDS

TO VISIT NIGERIA FROM FEBRUARY 23 TO 25. SECRETARY
KISSINGER ALSO LOOKS FORWARD TO VISITING NIGERIA IN THE
NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE....".

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